



Winter 2021

Visit: CaliforniaSAR.org

The California Compatriot

The Official Newsletter of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

The President's Message

Compatriots,

We made it!

If there is one lesson we all learned from 2020 is that we each play a role in keeping others safe from the coronavirus. The same is true for the SAR...it is because of each of your efforts, no matter how big or small, that keep the SAR alive and well and perpetuate the memory of our Patriot Ancestors. It is our collective efforts as a society that make the ultimate difference.

California Society. Our April Annual Meeting and the recent November Board of Managers meeting were both surprisingly well attended...especially so by more national officers and regular chapter members attending than we usually see at these semi-annual meetings.

Our Chapter Registrars did an outstanding job recruiting and approving new members. Because of the stay-at-home orders, the California Society PRS Volunteers have entered more than 75% of the nearly 8,000 post 1984 Record Copies into the Patriot Research System database.

Also, because Zoom video conferencing has become the go-to tool for holding meetings and staying in touch, our Chapter Secretaries are now better briefed about the ins and outs of Secretary reports, reconciliations, and other topics. It is my plan over the next several months to hold a series of Compliance Meetings with Chapter officers to make sure

we are prepared to meet our obligations on federal and state taxes and the California Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts reporting. It was also good to see that a few Chapters were able to honor our Veterans by the laying of wreaths as part of the annual Wreaths Across America event in December.

While I was cautiously optimistic that we might be able to hold the Annual Meeting at the gorgeous Mission Inn, Riverside, in mid-April, it has become clear that is not feasible.



129th CASSAR, President

Donald B. Littlefield

The CASSAR Executive Committee has voted to change the format of the April meeting to a Zoom video conference on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Brian Stephens and the Riverside Chapter will work with the Mission Inn to negotiate a contract for the Board of Manager meeting, November 4-7, 2021.

For 2021, I continue to encourage every chapter to hold regular chapter meetings using Zoom or to find permissible venues, when the California COVID protocols permit gatherings in your locale. Even though your Chapter meetings may be on Zoom, be smaller and more casual, stick to the prescribed SAR meeting format, with an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the SAR, and end with the SAR Recessional and a benediction. For those Chapters that like to put the icing on the cake, God Bless America is always a crowd favorite. These rituals are part of what makes us who we are. Keep them alive regardless of where and how you meet!

Let's make 2021 spectacular, not because of what we've lost but because of how strong we will rebound!

God Bless the United States of America and God Bless the Sons of the American Revolution!

Donald B Littlefield

President, California Society SAR



Upcoming Events

March 6, 2021 – NSSAR Spring Leadership via Zoom

March 13, 2021- NSSAR Special Congress, Washington, D.C.

April 17, 2021 – 146th Annual Meeting of the Membership. Zoom Meeting - 9:00 am

May 15-16, 2021 - Field of Honor, Castaways Park, Newport Beach, CA

May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day

July 4, 2021 – Independence Day

July 8-14, 2021 – 131st SAR National Congress, Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton, WA

September 17, 2021 - Constitution Day

September 22-24, 2021 - NASSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

November 4-7, 2021 - 146th Fall CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Mission Inn, Riverside, CA

November 11, 2021 - Veterans Day

December 18, 2021 - Wreaths Across America



*Your chapter news
can appear in the
California Compatriot.*

*Email your final draft
prior to the deadline
posted at lower right.*

*Please identify all of the
Individuals appearing in
your photos.*

*Space is limited;
Therefore the Editor
Reserves the right to edit
all submissions.*

CASSAR OFFICERS

2020-2021

PRESIDENT

DONALD B. LITTLEFIELD
dblittlefield@comcast.net

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

BRIAN R. STEPHENS
briandi777@aol.com

VICE PRESIDENT, NORTH

D. CRAIG ANDERSON
craigandersonsar@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTH

JAMES KLINGLER
klingler@sbcglobal.net

VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

DOUGLAS Q. BERGTHOLDT
douglas.bergtholdt@yahoo.com

SECRETARY

FRED SCHUSTER
schuster6789@aol.com

TREASURER

JOHN FERRIS
Jrf1776@outlook.com

REGISTRAR

OWEN R. STILES
ostiles45@gmail.com

CHANCELLOR

JOHN L. DODD, ESQ.
johnldodd@twc.com

GENEALOGIST

TERRY L. BRIGGS
tbaia@comcast.net

HISTORIAN

SCOTT KNECHT
knechtsh@gmail.com

CHAPLAIN

RT. REV. LOUIS V. CARLSON, JR.
loucarlson@sbcglobal.net

SURGEON

DR. MATTHEW BOWDISH, MD
matthewsbowdish@gmail.com

TRUSTEE OF THE INVESTED FUNDS

(2020-2023)

STEPHEN RENOUF
usina@aol.com

TRUSTEE OF THE INVESTED FUNDS

(2019-2022)

DR. M. KENT GREGORY
drkentgregory@earthlink.net

TRUSTEE OF THE INVESTED FUNDS

(2018-2021)

JOHN L. DODD, ESQ.
johnldodd@twc.com

PAST PRESIDENT

ROBERT TAYLOR
tartar-taylor@att.net

NATIONAL TRUSTEE

DEREK BROWN
dptydeke@yahoo.com

ALTERNATE NATIONAL TRUSTEE

ROBERT TAYLOR
tartar-taylor@att.net



In this issue . . .

1. President's Message
2. Upcoming Events
3. CASSAR Officers
4. Secretary's Report
5. Secretary's Corner
6. Registrar's Report
7. Welcome New Members
9. 145th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting
17. Wreaths Across America
20. 146th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting
21. Around the CA Society
26. Red Coats
27. Cyber Scams
27. Did You Know?
28. Around the National Society
29. Necrology
30. LACASSAR News & 2021 Dues Notice



The California Compatriot

is the official newsletter of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Unless explicitly stated, the opinions expressed herein are the opinions of the authors, and not necessarily those of the society.

Editor

Brian R. Stephens
briandi777@aol.com

Formatter

Blanca P. Soto

Next Deadline: April 30, 2021
(subject to change)

Secretary's Report

I hope forward and learn to live in the “new” normal, lets us remember that the most important thing is our families and friends. The volunteer work that we do for the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution is for fun and our own enjoyment, and we should never let the time become so serious as to impact our relationships with our family and friends. everyone is staying safe and healthy with the current state of affairs in the state of California, the County and the World. No one would have predicted that the pandemic would have been around for so long and have affected so many people. As we move January 10, 2021 will mark 19 months since I started on this journey, we call the State Secretary position of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, when I first embarked upon this journey, I had no idea of what lay in wait ahead of me, thanks to many of you this has been a very enjoyable experience. When asked by the nominating committee this past fall if I would consider running again for the position for the 2021/2022 California State Secretary it was without hesitation because of many of you, and I want to thank each of you for being so patient and helpful on this learning experience. Not a day goes by that something new does not come along where I have to seek the experience of those far wiser than I, and to all of those individuals I am truly thankful to their dedication, and the work they do behind the scenes every day.

This past 19 months, much has been accomplished at the state level in the state secretary’s position. The many files that were on multiple thumb drives have been transferred to one external drive for easy access, most of the members Record Copies have now been entered into one master file going back to 1995, it is my hope that the Record Copy’s can be copied back to 1985 to coincide with the NSSAR Patriot Research Project. The Record Copy entry project is an ongoing project and will continue for some time. The state now has a master numbering system with all of the numbers that have been issued by the state going back to the very first number, and we now we have a master roster of our state membership that is fairly accurate to the chapter rosters. We no longer issue an old number or duplicate numbers as a result of this dual system of the master numbering system and the more current CASAR Roster.

Many have questioned the need for Record Copy’s to be submitted with the various transactions that come across the state secretary’s desk, as we move forward the need for members to submit a Record Copy will diminish, I ask that you bear with me, until we can fill in the few gaps that we have and ensure that we have captured all of the members. Presently we do not have most of the Dual State Members Record Copies in our files and this will be a priority of the coming year to get the Record Copies of each of the Dual State Members. As we fill in the gaps, we will only need the Record Copies of the individuals that transfer into the society or wish to become a Dual State member, there is light at the end of this tunnel.

In January 2021, the California Society will be soliciting each of the chapters to compile a list of the medals and awards for their active members and submit this list to the state secretary so the Medals and Awards Chairman and the state secretary can update the National Data Base Awards and Medals in the “Yellow” system for all of our active members. This will be a huge undertaking for our state to complete, however, once completed, the information will be very beneficial to the chapter presidents and officers as well as the state when deciding who should receive certain awards in the future. Once the medals and awards have been entered into the National Data Base it is the anticipation that we will be able to maintain the National Data Base with the medals and awards when this information is known by the state.

Many members have expressed a desire to volunteer, however due to time constraints it just has not been possible. The Patriot Research Project is way that you can help the society with minimal monthly time commitments. If you are interested in helping out in this worthwhile project, or would like more information, please contact Terry Briggs of the Silicon Valley Chapter and he can assist you with working from home on this project. Please consider donating time to this worth while project. As always, the state secretary has an open-door policy and state members, chapter officers, especially the chapter secretaires can call me directly or send me an email and I will do my best to answer any and all inquiries. Again, please stay safe and lets all work to make the volunteer work we do for the society fun and enjoyable.

*Fred Schuster
California Society State Secretary*

Secretary's Corner

Transaction	Fee/Dues	Record Copy	Form
Transfer of Membership			
Into CASSAR	\$20	YES	#0919
Out of State	(1)	YES	#0919
Chapter to Chapter	(2)	NO	CASSAR Form
Reinstatement		YES	#0198
CASSAR	\$20		
NSSAR	\$35		
Dual State Membership	\$20	YES	#0920
Death	0	NO	Email
Life Membership	per schedule	Yes	CASSAR Web Site
Dual Chapter	Chapter Determines		

- (1) Receiving State determines dues to be paid.
 (2) Receiving chapter determines if dues are owed to the chapter.

Applications Dues & Fees

<u>Type</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Note</u>
NSSAR					
New	First	\$35	\$80	\$115	
	2 nd and Subsequent	\$35	\$30	\$65	#3
JUNIOR		ALL	\$5	\$30	#1
JUNIOR		ALL	\$5	\$80	#2
C.A.R.		ALL	\$5	\$5	#4
Supplemental					
	First			\$60	
	2 nd and Subsequent			\$30	#3
Memorial					
		ALL		\$115	#5
CASSAR					
New	First	ALL		\$20	\$20
Supplemental		First		\$10	\$10
JUNIOR					
C.A.R.		ALL		NO COST	
		ALL		NO COST	#4

Note #1: When using a lineage which has already been accepted by the SAR or DAR a Record Copy of the referenced SAR or DAR application must be provided with the documentation and all dues and fees shown above.

NOTE#2: If establishing a new lineage or patriot as a junior member and the ancestor has not been documented or approved through the SAR, Dar or C.A.R. in the past.

NOTE#3: Applications of the family member must be submitted at the same time and follow the same patriot lineage.

NOTE #4: The applicant must provide a copy of his birth certificate and proof of good standing along with the C.A.R. Record Copy.

Note #5: Memorial Dues/Fees have been charged to reflect the same amount as a regular member.

From the Desk of the CASSAR Registrar

It is unbelievable that CASSAR has done as well as we have done processing all types of applications during this COVID-19 situation here in California. We should pat ourselves on the back and say to ourselves “atta boy!”

In 2019 we processed 295 applications. This year we have processed 340 applications

We still have a small number of applications that are pended. It would be very helpful for CASSAR that all effort is placed into resolving the reasons for applications being pended. Often they can be resolved quickly. The total number of Pended applications can be reduced, so let’s make our New Year’s resolution to ensure CASSAR eliminates any possibility of an application getting pended.

The CASSAR Application Checklist is extremely helpful in reviewing applications. Have generations been underlined in red ink and marked in the upper right hand of the page? Has the page been enlarged to a full sheet of paper? Does the DAR record have footers showing correct printing of the pages?

May I extend a WELL DONE to all Chapter Registrars?

2020 Applications:

JM	31	*Approved Applications	208
Memorial	3	*Still Pended Applications	9
Regular	195	*Not Yet Processed by SAR	123
Supplemental	<u>111</u>		
Total	340		

***Activity by Chapter:**

Central Coast	10	Mother Lode	3	Sons of Liberty	9
Coachella Valley	16	Orange County	41	South Coast	32
Delta	11	Redlands	4	Thomas Jefferson	31
Eagle	7	Redwood Empire	15	Yosemite	12
Gen Patton	23	Riverside	11		
Gen Washington	12	Sacramento	20		
Gold Country	12	San Diego	17		
Harbor	15	San Francisco	0		
Kern	15	Santa Barbara	7		
Monterey Bay	1	Silicon Valley	15		

***Cumulative total of JM, Regular, Memorial and Supplementals**

In Pro Patria
Owen Stiles



Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	CHAPTER	DATE
216349	Charles	Howard	Stevenson	Central Coast	08/07/2020
216351	John	Edward	Robbins	Central Coast	08/07/2020
217357	John	Thompson	Merritt	Central Coast	10/30/2020
216551	Adam	Benjamin	Chaplin	Coachella Valley	08/21/2020
216723	Kian	Douglas	Jesse	Coachella Valley	08/28/2020
216914	Norm	Edward	Fox	Delta	09/18/2020
216464	Paul	Travis	Friedman	George Patton	08/14/2020
216466	Louis	Fletcher	Goodmon	George Patton	08/14/2020
216350	Eric	Douglas	Kaufman	George Patton	08/07/2020
217606	Brandon	Robert	Draper	George Washington	12/04/2020
217604	Scott	Robert	Draper	George Washington	12/04/2020
217605	Travis	Scott	Draper	George Washington	12/04/2020
216725	Howard	Frederic	Nott Jr.	George Washington	08/28/2020
216553	James	Richard	Fruitt	Gold Country	08/21/2020
216561	Mark	Leigh	Moore	Gold Country	08/21/2020
217437	Charles	David	Hulbert	Gold Country	11/06/2020
216556	Robyn	Adrian	Dunbar	Harbor	08/21/2020
216557	Shozo	Fukushima	Dunbar	Harbor	08/21/2020
216917	Terrence	Joseph	Gatsby	Harbor	09/18/2020
217656	Leo	F.	Kelly	Harbor	12/11/2020
217657	Timothy	James	Kelly	Harbor	12/11/2020
217658	Warren	Stephen	Kelly	Harbor	12/11/2020
216354	James	Byron	Hay	Kern	08/07/2020
216555	Lang	William	Ortman	Kern	08/21/2020
217251	Howard	Paul	Nevison	Kern	10/23/2020
216353	Nolan	Adams	Hall	Mother Lode	08/07/2020
216465	Gary	Raymond	Clarke	Orange County	08/14/2020
216559	Daniel	Raymond	Hale	Orange County	08/21/2020
216558	David	Ellis	Hale	Orange County	08/21/2020
216722	David	Joel	Mapes	Orange County	08/28/2020
216918	Col. Wayne	Robert	Scott, USAF	Orange County	09/18/2020
216993	Bradford	Alexander	Welsh	Orange County	10/02/2020
217349	Dennis	Gregory	Hawes	Orange County	10/30/2020
217350	Timothy	Scott	Hawes	Orange County	10/30/2020
217433	Jason	Jonathan	Rupe	Orange County	11/06/2020
216915	Travis	Wayne	Meyers	Redwood Empire	09/18/2020
216916	Paul	Delaware	Smith, Jr.	Redwood Empire	09/18/2020
216352	Michael	L.	Mann	Riverside	08/07/2020
217262	Charles	Duane	Baldwin	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217261	Charles	Francis	Baldwin	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217263	Joseph	Charles	Baldwin	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217264	Stewart	Arthur	Dalie III	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217255	Adam	Walker	Morrill	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217258	Anthony	Richard	Parsegian	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217259	Avery	Jay	Parsegian	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217256	James	Clyde	Parsegian	Sacramento	10/23/2020

Welcome New Members

NSSAR#	FNAME	MNAME	LNAME	CHAPTER	DATE
217260	Jay	William	Parsegian	Sacramento	10/23/2020
217257	Rino	Aoki	Parsegian	Sacramento	10/23/2020
216355	Andrew	James	Christopher	San Diego	08/07/2020
216560	Robert	Mitchell	Awalt	San Diego	08/21/2020
216554	Erik	Sean	Smith	San Diego	08/21/2020
216552	Rolf	Frederick	Ziesing	San Diego	08/21/2020
216992	Erik	Allen	Berg	San Diego	10/02/2020
217275	Dr. Raymond	Earl	Webb	San Diego	10/23/2020
217183	Bradford	Robert	Hinnrichs	Santa Barbara	10/16/2020
217184	Guy	Phillip	St. Clair	Santa Barbara	10/16/2020
217272	David	Roger	Basham	Santa Barbara	10/23/2020
217273	Howard	Arthur	Miller	Santa Barbara	10/23/2020
217356	Connor	Christopher	Hiatt	Santa Barbara	10/30/2020
217355	Taylor	James	Hiatt	Santa Barbara	10/30/2020
217353	Mark	Randolph	Parsons	Santa Barbara	10/30/2020
217354	Scott	Randolph	Parsons	Santa Barbara	10/30/2020
217268	Brandon	Alexander	Allen	Silicon Valley	10/23/2020
217267	Dayne	Adam	Allen	Silicon Valley	10/23/2020
217266	Michael	Anthony	Allen	Silicon Valley	10/23/2020
217271	Laurence	Anthony	Basham	Silicon Valley	10/23/2020
217269	David	Michael	Close	Silicon Valley	10/23/2020
217484	Adam	Jeffery	Capell	Silicon Valley	11/13/2020
217270	Michael	Francis	Guarino	Silicon Valley	10/23/2020
217434	Todd	Linden	Calvin	Sons of Liberty	11/06/2020
217436	Mark	Harlan	Hamman	Sons of Liberty	11/06/2020
217254	Dustin	Randall	Call	South Coast	10/23/2020
217265	Caleb	Irving	Cockroft	South Coast	10/23/2020
217253	Dylan	Charles	Glatfelter	South Coast	10/23/2020
217252	Timothy	Charles	Glatfelter	South Coast	10/23/2020
217274	Cole	Trevor	Mostert	South Coast	10/23/2020
217352	Andrew	John	Van Diver	South Coast	10/30/2020
217351	John	Edward	Van Diver	South Coast	10/30/2020
217611	Aaron	Russell	Merriman	South Coast	12/04/2020
216724	Kevin	Scott	Erwin	Thomas Jefferson	08/28/2020
216912	Michael	Bruce	Sedgwick	Thomas Jefferson	09/18/2020
216913	Thomas	Michael	Sedgwick	Thomas Jefferson	09/18/2020
217435	Steven	Neal	Morford	Thomas Jefferson	11/06/2020
217610	Jack	Joseph	Freitas	Thomas Jefferson	12/04/2020
217609	Dr. Robert	Joseph	Freitas, II	Thomas Jefferson	12/04/2020
217612	Christopher	Edward	Hill	Thomas Jefferson	12/04/2020
217613	Cyrus	Osman	Hill	Thomas Jefferson	12/04/2020
217608	Cayden	Hanfei	MacKenzie	Thomas Jefferson	12/04/2020
217607	John	Patrick	MacKenzie	Thomas Jefferson	12/04/2020
217697	Steven	Robert	Gibson	Thomas Jefferson	12/18/2020
216991	Fred	H.	Mossman	Yosemite	10/02/2020

The 145th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting

The 145th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting was hosted by President Donald Littlefield via Zoom Meeting on November 14, 2020. Due to the passing of our CASSAR Historian, President Littlefield appointed Stephen Renouf to take the minutes of the meeting. According to the bylaws, voting at the meeting was limited to CASSAR Officers and the chapter president/designee for each chapter. CASSAR Officers present were President Donald Littlefield, Executive Vice President Brian Stephens, Vice President North Craig Anderson, Vice President South Jim Klingler, Vice President Membership Doug Bergholdt, Secretary Fred Schuster, Treasurer John Ferris, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Genealogist Terry Briggs, Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson, Surgeon Dr. Matt Bowdish, Investment Trustee Dr. Kent Gregory, Investment Trustee Stephen Renouf, and Immediate Past President Robert Taylor. Chapter presidents/designees* present were: Mel Howell (Delta), Ron Barker (Gold Country), Brandon Villardi (Harbor Chapter), Mike Muetz (Mother Lode), Phil Mitchell (Orange County Chapter), Shawn Price* (Redlands Chapter), Bill Van Valkenburg (Redwood Empire Chapter), Rob Dickey (Riverside Chapter), Del Hanson (Sacramento Chapter), Bill Peters (San Diego Chapter), Marston Watson* (San Francisco Chapter), Jeff Weinbender* (Santa Barbara Chapter), Richard Ferman (Silicon Valley Chapter), Troy Munday* (Sons of Liberty Chapter), Scott Wittman (South Coast Chapter), Greg Owens (Thomas Jefferson Chapter), and John Hendon (Yosemite Chapter).



Hallie Wallace

At 9:00AM, President Littlefield convened the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting. There was a moment of silence to honor the memory of James F. Blauer, our late CASSAR Historian. President

Littlefield called upon Executive Vice President Brian Stephens, who conferred with Secretary Schuster to report on the number of officers and chapter presidents/designees. Secretary Schuster advised EVP Stephens that we exceeded the number needed for a quorum, and advised President Littlefield we had a quorum, and President Littlefield then declared a quorum. There was a motion by Owen Stiles (seconded by Rev. Lou Carlson) to adopt the minutes as presented, which was approved by unanimous consent.

President Littlefield introduced the National Officers – President General Jack Manning, Vice President General James Fosdyck (Western District), Treasurer General Bruce Pickette, Genealogist General Jim Faulkinbury, Registrar General Doug Collins, Librarian General Tony Vets, Surgeon General Dr. Darryl Addington, Chaplain General Rev. David Felts, VPG Ernie Sutton (Mid-Atlantic District), VPG Allen Greenly (South Atlantic District), VPG Bobby Joe Seales (Southern District), VPG Chris Moberg (North Central District), VPG James Lindley (Pacific District), SAR Foundation Board Members John Dodd and Rev. Lou Carlson, NSSAR Trustee for California Derek Brown, NSSAR Trustee for Nevada Charles Smith, and NSSAR Trustee for Spain Stephen Renouf. John Dodd made a pitch for the SAR Foundation to encourage people to accelerate their 2021 pledged giving to 2020 to complete the last part of the design phase for the SAR Education Center and Museum.

In addition, SAR is requesting donations for repairing the façade of the Headquarters Building in Louisville with various giving levels available. Donors can give to these projects by using the “Donate” button on the SAR website, www.sar.org.

The past state presidents were then introduced – Marston Watson (1970-71), Robert Ebert (2006-07), Stephen Renouf (2008-09), Rev. Lou Carlson (2009-10), John Dodd (2011-12), Jim Faulkinbury (2014-15), Kent Gregory (2015-16), Jim Fosdyck (2017-18), Derek Brown (2018-19), and Robert Taylor (2019-20).

President Littlefield welcomed everyone to the meeting, and said it has been a wild year – with coronavirus, lockdowns, and a wild election – and he was happy that we were still able to meet, if only “face-to-face” online. He thanked his team of officers – especially Brian Stephens, Craig Anderson, Jim Klingler, John Ferris, and Fred Schuster – and he thanked the 24 chapters for carrying on as best they could during this period of lockdowns. He said it was important to try new approaches, stay safe, and take ownership of your own well-being. He thanked chapter registrars for keeping busy during the lockdowns by processing new membership applications. He said it was important to stay in contact with others in the SAR, and maintain relationships during the period we are unable to meet in person. He noted that Wreaths Across America public ceremonies have been cancelled due to social distancing restrictions, but there will be limited private ceremonies with no public invitations, to honor each of various branches of the military and the POWs/MIA.



Ernie Sutton

President Littlefield announced the National Awards that were presented to the California Society for the cancelled National Congress in Richmond, Virginia. The California Society was presented with the **Officer Attendance Award** for having the president and national trustee present for the previous two leadership meetings and congress, the **Admiral Furlong Award** for States/chapters presenting SAR Flag Certificates, and the **Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Award** for the State Society of 500 or more members with the best newsletter

over 10 pages. The California Society Children of the American Revolution won the **Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award** for the State Society with the best newsletter. The California Society received **SAR Certificates of Participation** for the **SAR Poster Contest** (the CASSAR winner from Folsom, CA, won third prize in the National Contest), the **SAR Brochure Contest**, **SAR Knight Essay Contest**, **SAR JROTC Contest**, and the **SAR Marian L. Brown Eagle Scout Award** for sponsoring the National SAR Eagle Scout Contest winner.

The California Society held a Candidates Forum for those running for National Office in 2021. **Dr. Darryl Addington** is running for one of the two-year positions on the **SAR Foundation Board**, and he wanted to stress raising funds from large corporations for the SAR Center. Doug Collins is running for one of the three-year positions on the **SAR Foundation Board**; he lives locally in Louisville, is a Certified Internal Auditor, and had worked closely with the budget and planning committees for several years. **John Dodd** is running for **Treasurer General**, and has a deep knowledge of the SAR through serving as Chancellor General, on the SAR Foundation Board, and the Executive Committee. Kent Gregory spoke for **PG Joe Dooley**, who is running for the other two-year term on the **SAR Foundation Board**, of which he is currently the President. Joe is a dual member of the California Society, and is very active at the National level. **Dwight Elam** is running for **Chaplain General**, and he submitted a video, but the audio did not work when shared on Zoom. **Bob Fish** is running for **Genealogist General**, and he has served for four years as chairman of the NSSAR Genealogy Committee – he wants to maintain high standards for accuracy, address DNA challenges, and fully support the PRS system.

Allen Greenly is running for **Registrar General**, and noted that a small number of compatriots sponsor new members – he would like to broaden the sponsor pool. He supports the digitization of records, and the PRS system to help new applicants join. **James Lindley** is running for **Historian General**, and he wants to prioritize the digitization of records. He said the SAR Museum is very important, as most youth have no clue about US History and Civics, and he supports the artifact donation program. **Bruce Pickette** is running for **Secretary General**, and appreciates the support of the California Society in his previous campaigns for SAR office. He noted that the Paycheck Protection Program has allowed the SAR to operate without any layoffs, and they will be filing for forgiveness of the loans. **Lee Popham** is running for the other three-year position on the **SAR Foundation Board**, and he has worked closely with Treasurer General Pickette on SAR budgets.

Dr. Ernest Sutton is running for **Surgeon General**, and said he will support the SAR Medical Advisory Committee, and continue the medical updates on the SAR Website and articles in the *SAR Magazine*. **Tony Vets** is running for **Registrar General**, and he was the designer of the SAR Benjamin Franklin Medal to raise funds for the SAR Library. He plans to work with the State Secretaries on the annual reconciliations to ensure they are submitted accurately and timely.



Lee Popham

Following a brief recess, President Littlefield called the meeting back to order, and the candidates who were not CASSAR members were asked to leave. The California Society discussed the candidates running for National office. Rev. Lou Carlson made a motion (seconded by Marston Watson) to endorse all candidates who were running unopposed for election, which was approved by unanimous consent. Kent Gregory made a motion (seconded by Rev. Lou Carlson), to endorse Tony Vets in the contested race for Registrar General, which was approved a unanimous vote. CASSAR Secretary Fred Schuster was directed to e-mail NSSAR Nominating Committee Chairman Warren Alter the CASSAR endorsements for national office: President General Davis Wright, Secretary General Bruce Pickette, Treasurer General John Dodd, Esq., Chancellor General Michael Elston, Genealogist General Robert Fish, Registrar General Tony Vets, Historian General James Lindley, Librarian General

Fred Olive III, Surgeon General Ernest Sutton, Chaplain General Dwight Elam, Foundation Board Lee Popham, Foundation Board Douglas Collins, Foundation Board Joseph Dooley, and Foundation Board Darryl Addington.

President Littlefield introduced Hallie Wallace, one of CASSAR's Valley Forge Contest winners, who is a 5th grade teacher at Oak Chan Elementary School in Folsom, California, where she has worked for 23 years. She was born and raised on a farm in Montana, with three brothers and one sister. She received a BA degree from California State University Sacramento, and her teaching credential and post graduate degree from the University of San Diego. Wallace spoke about attending the first-ever virtual Valley Forge Program – which she said was enlightening, as it gave her an opportunity to experience what her students experience by being taught in a virtual environment; he has been teaching her fifth-grade students virtually since March 2020. She shared a slide presentation of her Valley Forge Program, which focused on the Philadelphia Campaign, which she experienced from her home office. On July 6, 2020, Nancy Loane, EdD. spoke on “The Women at Valley Forge,” and “Why Valley Forge?” Wallace was surprised to learn that there were over 400 women present during the winter at Valley Forge. She learned that the winter was not particularly cold – it was a 32° mild winter there – the muddy condition was the bigger issue for the Army there. Mr. Arch Hunter spoke on “Valley Forge,” and shot video on his cell phone live from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. With the wind and traffic noise, it was sometimes hard to hear him, but the students were able to see George Washington's headquarters there. She asked Mr. Hunter if General Washington had any special horses there. Washington had two Arabian horses for the Revolutionary War – *Nelson* and *Blueskin* (the horse he used in battle). On July 7, 2020, Mr. Michael Harris spoke on “The Battle of Brandywine.” She saw a slide show with many maps and battle scenes. Mr. Jay Lightening of the University of Pennsylvania spoke on “Document Based Lessons and Historical Thinking.” They learned about breaking into Zoom Groups (and other Zoom features), as well as using primary sources to open up conversations, and give students the opportunity to develop their own ideas. She learned new ways to approach teaching history. On July 7, 2020, Dr. Loane spoke on “Steuben: The General Who Made the Army,” in which Wallace learned about Baron von Steuben's Revolutionary War Drill Manual – used through the War of 1812. Baron von Steuben taught the Continental Army about digging latrines, keeping the camp clean, and marching. He only knew a few curse words in English, so he needed a translator to communicate with the soldiers. Mr. Arch Hunter spoke on “The Battle of Paoli,” which she learned was one of the largest battles in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Hunter was again live on location on his cell phone video.

On July 9, 2020, Mr. Michael Harris spoke on “The Campaign After Brandywine and the Battle of Germantown,” which was the topic of his book, *Germantown: A Military History of the Battle for Philadelphia, October 4, 1777*. Hallie Wallace again thanked the California Society for sponsoring her for the Valley Forge Program, and she really enjoyed her time and learned a lot of information to pass on to her students. President Littlefield promised to send her an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her presentation to our society.

President Littlefield announced that the officer and committee reports were in “The Book,” but he wanted to provide an opportunity for those who have important information, or additions to their reports, to speak. Chancellor General Dodd reported that he received a query regarding the California Society requesting the California DMV



Bruce Pickette

issue specialty SAR license plates. He looked into the procedure and found that we would have to submit 7,500 pre-paid orders before they would issue specialty plates. The only way to prevent non-members from purchasing the plates would require an act of the state legislature, which is extremely unlikely to happen, and even then, we do not have 7,500 members to order the plates. The SAR Store sells SAR license plate holders, and that is a better alternative.

Executive VP Stephens requested submissions for the *California Compatriot*, the next deadline being the end of December 2020. He also noted that the CASSAR Annual Meeting is being planned for April 15-18, 2021 at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside, California, so he requested members save the date. Eagle Scout Chairman Bill Nay noted

that he had a slide presentation on the Law, Genealogy, and American Heritage Merit Badges of the Boy Scouts, and if anyone wants to see the presentation, he can request him to send a Zoom Meeting link. Chapters need to get [Eagle Scout winners to CASSAR by the end of December 2020](#). Valley Forge Chairman Bob Taylor requested chapters to recommend quality teachers for the 2021 contest.

Vice President South Klingler reported on a new speakers bureau program. He is requesting chapters to e-mail him (klingler@sbcglobal.net) the names of great speakers that they have had at their meetings, and he will put the speaker’s contact information on the CASSA website for other chapters to contact directly. With Zoom Meetings, geographical location of speakers is no longer an issue. Surgeon Matt Bowdish noted that he has two talks that he can give to chapters – one on the “Medical History of George Washington,” and another on “DNA and Genealogy.” On the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, he noted that positive tests are starting to increase, so he recommended that people make good choices.

President Littlefield announced that the chapter reports were in “The Book,” but he opened the floor to any chapters with more to add. Immediate Past President Bob Taylor noted that the General George Patton Chapter recently held its first in-person meeting since the coronavirus pandemic at Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura. They practiced social distancing, and also incorporated Zoom Meeting for those unable to attend in person. President Phil Mitchell of the Orange County Chapter thanked the state officers who attended the memorial for CASSAR Historian Jim Blauer at their chapter meeting. President Designee Marston Watson noted that the San Francisco Chapter has a young man running for chapter president in 2021 – Luke Dziurzynski – who is the CASSAR Compliance Committee Chairman. They have about 90 members, but only a few active members, so they are struggling to keep going. President Bill Van Valkenburg of the Redwood Empire Chapter noted that the chapter would be hosting its first Zoom Meeting (thanks to Bill Nay) on November 28, 2020, and they have ten new members to induct into the Sons of the American Revolution. President Dick Ferman of the Silicon Valley Chapter, who is an Enrolled Agent, noted that the IRS is waiving the Required Minimum Distribution from retirement plans in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Following a brief recess, President Littlefield called the meeting back to order, and Executive VP Stephens delivered the Audit Committee Report. The committee consisted of Stephens (chairman), VP North Anderson, VP South Klingler, Bill Nay from the North, Curtis Porter from the South, and President Littlefield.

The audit period was April 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020, and was conducted electronically – the committee requested backup for 15 checks and 9 deposits, and Treasurer Ferris provided all requested, which were found to be in good order.

President Littlefield called upon Trustees Renouf, Dodd and Gregory to give the Report of the Trustees of the Invested Funds. Chairman Renouf noted that the report was “in the Book,” and showed for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2020, that the invested funds accounts had an increase of a little over \$8,000. Chairman Renouf noted that for the calendar year through October 31, 2020, after the roller coaster year with coronavirus and elections, we had net unrealized gains of over \$4,000. The trustees had planned to call the broker for a strategy call about when to implement the approved increase in risk tolerance for the various CASSAR funds following the election and before this meeting, but it was postponed until the uncertainty over US Senate control is determined in early January 2021.

Past CASSAR President Derek Brown announced the CASSAR Nominating Committee Report: President Brian Stephens (not standing for election, president-elect), Executive VP Craig Anderson, Vice President South Jim Klingler, Vice President North Bill Van Valkenburg, Vice President Membership Doug Bergtholdt (not standing for election, two-year term), Secretary Fred Schuster, Treasurer John Ferris, Registrar Owen Stiles, Chancellor John Dodd, Esq., Genealogist Terry Briggs, Historian Scott Knecht, Chaplain Rev. Lou Carlson, Surgeon Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Investment Funds Trustee John Dodd (for 3-year term), Investment Funds Trustee Dr. Kent Gregory (not standing for election, 3-year term), Investment Funds Trustee Stephen Renouf (not standing for election, 3-year term), and Immediate Past President Donald Littlefield (not standing for election). The election will be held at the April 2021 Annual Meeting. The California Society is nominating Robert Taylor for NSSAR Trustee for California, and Brian Stephens for NSSAR Alternate Trustee for California for the upcoming 2021 SAR Annual Congress in Renton, Washington.

President Littlefield reported that the CASSAR Best Chapter Contest was no longer on life support, but had flat-lined. Only seven of the twenty-four chapters participated in 2019, and there was virtually no competition. The same is true for several previous years. The two reasons most often given for chapters who are not participating are: lack of resources (no one to report for the chapter), and no path to win the contest (no return on investment for the chapter). Secretary Schuster and VP Membership Bergtholdt had been working hard to try to come up with a plan to get more participation, and more equitably allocate points in the contest, but after careful review by the CASSAR Executive Committee, they do not see any viable options to save the Best Chapter Contest. This generated a lively discussion among the state officers. As we have other recognition programs, such as the Best Color Guard Contest, and the Richard Locke Award for most new members, we could focus on those, or even generate new recognition programs in lieu of the Best Chapter Contest. Or perhaps offer a financial award in addition to the plaque. Or use the NSSAR Americanism Contest as a template for our Best Chapter Contest. Phil Hinshaw was chairman of the contest for ten years, and said it had never reached 50% participation, and slowly declined in participation. President Littlefield suspended the contest as of January 1, 2021, by unanimous consent, and stated that if someone took on the project and came up with a viable solution, it could be re-addressed in April 2021 or a future meeting.

John Dodd presented a proposal to amend the *SAR Handbook* to require that “awards for National Officers of Organizations by State Society or Chapter must be approved by the President General. Award requests will be submitted to the Executive Director at least 30 days prior to the ceremony so that the President General can approve and the proper certificate and engraving can be accomplished.” This would specifically apply to the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal, SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal, SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, SAR Medal of Appreciation, and Martha Washington Medal. It was reported that national leadership feels that awards of a national scope should be approved by the National Society rather than by a state or chapter. Rev. Lou Carlson made a motion (seconded by Rob Dickey) to have the California Society propose this amendment to the *SAR Handbook* to the NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee for consideration, which was approved.

Following a brief recess, President Littlefield called the meeting back to order, and Genealogist Terry Briggs reported that he was looking for volunteers to enter CASSAR application lineages (for applications approved since 1984) into the NSSAR Patriot Research System (PRS) database.

The PRS will be a valuable tool for recruiting new members. California has 4,300 entered, and still has 3,600 to go. He said chapters should encourage their members to volunteer – the data entry can be done at home on a computer, and the hours count towards earning the SAR Lafayette Volunteer Medal. Volunteers should contact Genealogist Briggs for details.

VP South Jim Klingler reported on the NSSAR National Dues Task Force, which has four test markets – California (large state), Missouri (medium state), Delaware (small state), and Spain (international society). These states are providing their requirements for the National Society billing their members for dues. This would eliminate the need for the annual reconciliation, as the dues information would be in the NSSAR system, and states/chapters can run membership reports from the system. The goal is to have California, Missouri, and Delaware have the 2022 dues collected by the National Society. NSSAR Trustee for Spain Renouf noted that the National Society is billing the 18 Spain Society members for 2021 dues, and about 2/3 have already paid by credit card.

Executive VP Stephens reported for the Budget Committee, consisting of Stephens (chairman), Invested Funds Trustee Renouf, VP South Klingler, and Treasurer Ferris. He presented the proposed 2021 CASSAR Budget. The revenue section was updated with current membership numbers and estimates. There were no changes to the Officer Expenses or Committee Expenses. Under Program Expenses, there was \$100 added to the award-winning *California Compatriot* Expenses. Under Operating Expenses, there was a new account E-31 for Cloud Storage Fees of \$200; we pre-paid 16 years' worth of our \$1,000 annual contributions to the SAR Education Center, so the budget was zeroed out; and \$300 was added to Communications Software for Constant Contact. Under Transfers to Invested Accounts, a new section was added for Life Member Fund - \$2 LM Subsidy - this was approved in 2012, but was never added to the budget as a line item. The budget reflected a \$863 surplus. The amount for the Best Chapter Contest was retained as we would be paying for the 2020 plaques in early 2021. It was noted that there was a National Task Force looking into finding a policy to provide liability and D&O insurance coverage for the National Society, state societies, and local chapters, possibly with a dues surcharge, but until that is accomplished, CASSAR needs to carry its own insurance. Don Littlefield noted that as a retired Intel employee, he continues to get annual grants (\$4,900 in 2020) through the Intel Involved Volunteer Matching Grant Program (IIVMGP). VP South Klingler made a motion (seconded by President Phil Mitchell of the Orange County Chapter), to adopt the budget as presented, which was unanimously approved.

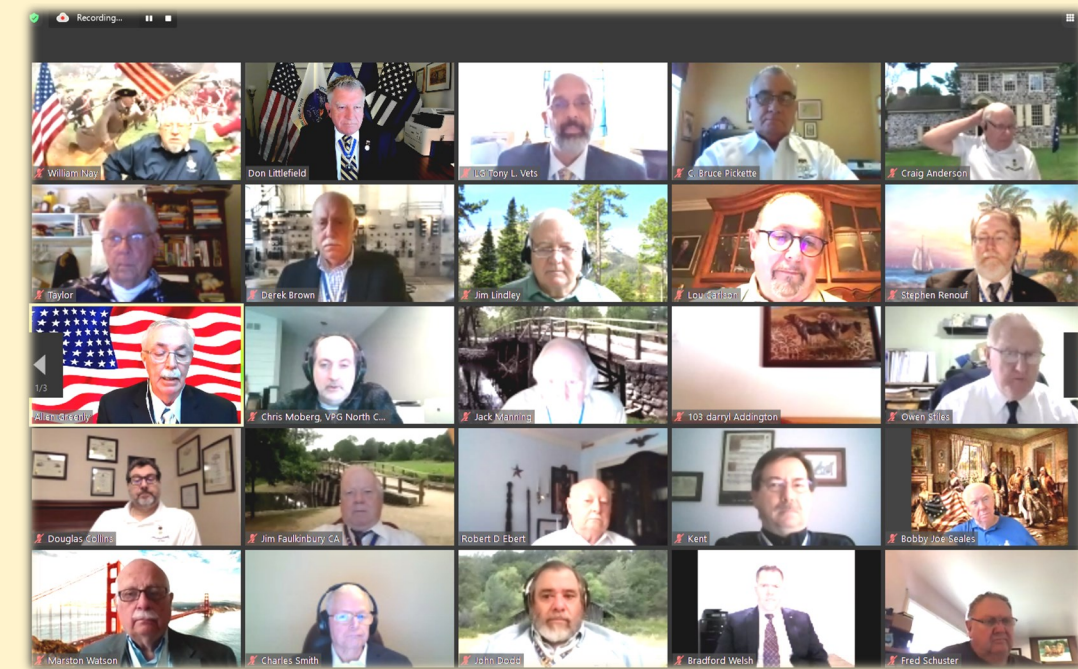
President Littlefield presented the Public Service Awards that would have been presented in Rohnert Park if the meeting had been held in person. He presented the **SAR EMS Commendation Medal** to **Jason Bond**, the Operations Manager for AMR Napa County. He also recognized team members **JohnRey Hassan**, EMT-P, and **Brianna Jones**, EMT. During the LNU Lightning Complex Fire and the Glass Complex Fire, Paramedic Jason Bond oversaw the evacuation of Adventist St Helena Hospital twice within 40 days. As the hospital was being threatened by the fast-moving fires, hospital leadership reached out to local EMS providers to assist in evacuating their patients. Jason's leadership helped to ensure that the AMR Napa team, in collaboration with local EMS, Fire, and Law Enforcement Providers, was able to successfully evacuate medically fragile patients from the 151-bed acute care hospital both times. The Glass Fire was believed to have started around 4AM, and by 7AM, the hospital had reached out requesting assistance. At 9AM, ambulances from AMR Napa County and surrounding AMR operations began evacuating patients, completing the process by Noon. In the days and weeks following both evacuations, Mr. Bond supervised ambulance crews that were deployed across the region to support fire suppression efforts, often driving hundreds of miles each day to deliver essential equipment, such as radios and supplies, as well as food to the crews stationed in the fire base camp, and at multiple locations in Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino Counties. When 16 firefighters at a CAL-Fire base camp in Santa Rosa reported symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning during the Glass Fire response, Mr. Bond coordinated with neighboring AMR operations to deploy a strike team of ambulances to the base camp to assess and treat the firefighters. Throughout all of this, Jason Bond, JohnRey Hassan, Regional Director of AMR Napa County, AMR Napa County Supervisors and Managers, and the front line EMTs and Paramedics continued to provide uninterrupted 911 services for the residents of Napa County, responding to almost 2,000 calls for service.

President Littlefield presented the **SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal** to **Ron Collier**, who started his career in public safety at the age of 16 in the back of an ambulance that was operated by the Shifter Car Club, providing service to Willits, Laytonville and Covelo. When his family moved to Ukiah, Ron joined the Ukiah Fire Department until leaving for Santa Rosa Junior College, where he starting working with the Santa Rosa Fire Department.

Ron decided to go to work for PG&E for 24 years; all the time continuing work as a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Windsor Fire Protection District. During his time with PG&E, Ron was awarded the PG&E John A. Britton Award for life saving efforts at a vehicle accident. After leaving full time employment with PG&E, Ron continued his work with the Windsor Fire Protection District. Ron retired as a 41-year member of the Windsor Fire Protection District, and served as the Fire Chief from 1985 until he retired in 2011. With time on his hands, he chose to devote some of that to the service of others. When Ron heard of the “Missing in America” Program (MIAP) program, he knew it was a perfect match. The MIAP’s mission is to find unclaimed remains of American service men and women, who have served in any war, confirm their service, and ensure they receive a full military funeral and interment in a State or National Cemetery. Ron provides local Leadership to see the process from beginning to end. Through his efforts, over 200 veterans and dependents that were abandoned on the shelves of mortuaries, with no known next of kin, have been honorable interred. For example, a Santa Rosa Mortuary recently changed ownership, and the new manager found 1,500 cremated remains on shelves in a back room – the remains of individuals with no next of kin. The manager called Ron, and he methodically went through the lists of names and social security numbers, and identified an initial group of 38 that the Veterans Administration confirmed were Veterans. Ron coordinated with the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at Dixon to have them received and properly buried. Ron then coordinated with the local military service organizations to have the American Legion Riders and other groups escort the remains to Dixon. Because there were so many, Ron identified a motorcycle-drawn hearse that could accommodate all 38 remains at one time. Ron then coordinated with the CHP for an escort of the procession from Rohnert Park to Dixon. The Veterans included in this group covered all major conflicts. These Veterans were lost and forgotten, like so many across the country, until Ron Collier found them, identified them, and arranged for proper honors and burial. Ron’s father served in World War II in the Army Air Corps, and through his father’s service, Ron became a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 111, in Healdsburg. In addition, Ron rides with the American Legion Riders, and is a member of the American Legion’s Military Escort Team who escorts Sonoma County members of the military who were killed in action and have returned to Sonoma County for burial. Ron Collier was appointed by the Supervisors of Sonoma County as the Veterans Remains Officer of Sonoma County to ensure all Veterans who have served our country receive

appropriate honors and a proper burial. Ron Collier still found a few more hours left in the day, and signed up as a volunteer with the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office.

President Littlefield and Color Guard Commander Kramer presented the **SAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Larry Wood** of the Orange County Chapter. Larry joined the SAR in March 2010, and has served as Color Guard Adjutant-South. Color Guard



Commander Kramer noted that the Color Guard Adjutant-North is Russ Kaiser, and the Color Guard Adjutant-South is Brandon Villardi.

President Littlefield presented awards for the Spring Annual Meeting that had to be held by Zoom Meeting due to Wuhan Flu restrictions in place at the time of the meeting. He presented the **SAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal** to **Craig Anderson**, his right hand man and Vice President North, and to Chancellor **John Dodd**, his great legal counsel, who made sure CASSAR did not lose any money by cancelling the in-person meeting. President Littlefield presented the **SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** to **Del Hanson, Michael Hull, and Russ Kaiser** for their service on the public service awards, and to **David Paulsen** and **George Brinley** for their work on obtaining swag bags and JellyBelly treats. He presented the **SAR Certificate of Appreciation** to **Phil Noble, Scott Brooks, Mark Mozdy, Russ Kaiser, David Cofer, Carl Ahlberg, Roy Adkins, and David Beach** for their work on the Spring Annual Meeting. President Littlefield presented the **SAR Martha Washington Medal** to **Teresa Booth** of Helms Briscoe for her negotiations with the Murieta Inn & Spa, and the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country – both in setting up the meetings, and then in cancelling them due to the coronavirus restrictions. President Littlefield also presented awards for the Fall Board of Managers Meeting that had to be held by Zoom Meeting. He presented the **SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** to **Bill Van Valkenburg** and to **Bill Nay** for hotel planning, to **Fred Schuster** for his work on the Best Chapter Contest, and to **Greg Hill** for his many web services to the society. Finally, President Littlefield presented the **SAR State Meritorious Service Medal**, which recognizes long, faithful and meritorious service, to **Jim Faulkinbury** for his assistance proving lineages for pending applications, and to **Terry Briggs** for assisting with pending applications and managing the data entry for CASSAR applications into the SAR Patriot Research System (PRS). President Littlefield recessed the Board of Managers Meeting.

Vice President General Jim Fosdyck convened a meeting of the Western District at 12:54PM, with the assistance of Western District Secretary, Charles Smith. President Donald Littlefield of the California Society, and President Michael Fitzpatrick of the Nevada Society were in attendance. Terry Briggs noted that the Nevada and Hawaii societies had all their application lineages entered into the NSSAR Patriot Research System. VPG Fosdyck noted the passing of Brian Worcester, a past Vice President General from the Nevada Society, and an active member at the National level, on September 1, 2020 – he will be missed by all who knew him. VPG Fosdyck also noted that Charles Smith of the Nevada Society was nominated for Vice President General of the Western District before the elections were cancelled due to the cancellation of the Richmond Congress in July 2020, and he will again be the nominee at the upcoming SAR Annual Congress in Renton, Washington, in July 2021. The Western District endorsed the same National officer candidates as were endorsed by the California Society by unanimous consent. President Fitzpatrick of the Nevada Society commented that this was his first Zoom Meeting, and he commended President Littlefield for the excellent job he did with the meeting. He stated that the Nevada Society was trying to enhance their annual meetings with quality speakers, as well as participate in education and community involvement. Tentatively, they are scheduling a Spring Meeting in Reno, Nevada, with at least one speaker, if they are able to hold the meeting in-person. VPG Fosdyck noted that the Western District has a new, revamped website by Greg Hill at www.WDSAR.org. Vice President General Fosdyck adjourned the meeting of the Western District by unanimous consent at 1PM.



President Littlefield called the CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting back to order, and noted that there were about 75 participants in the Zoom Meeting. After closing ceremonies, President Littlefield adjourned the 145th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting at 1:03PM.

By Stephen Renouf, Acting Historian, with information from President Donald Littlefield, Vice President South Jim Klingler, Secretary Fred Schuster, and Color Guard Commander Mark Kramer.

Wreaths Across America



National Wreaths Across America Day

December 19, 2020

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.



The only Patriot from the American Revolution known to be buried in California is Captain William Smith.

Captain Smith is buried in the Sonoma Mountain Cemetery which is adjacent to the Sonoma Veteran's Cemetery. While there were no public ceremonies, several volunteers, including members of the Redwood Empire Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and members of the American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 55 laid wreaths on Veteran graves. SAR Redwood Empire Chapter 2020 President William Van Valkenburg and 2021 President Elect William Nay laid a Wreath at the grave of Captain William Smith.



Wreaths Across America - Harbor Chapter

Harbor Chapter honors our Veterans by laying wreaths at the Memory Gardens Memorial Cemetery in Brea on Wreaths Across America day.



L-R: Jim Olds, Brandon Villardi, Lucas Villardi, Kevin Bidenkap



Wreaths Across America

Coachella Valley Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America at Desert Memorial Cemetery in Cathedral City, CA on Saturday, December 19th.

Coordinated by the local DAR Chapter, Coachella Valley Chapter donated 10 wreaths, and SAR members Bill Haines and Ed Oehler were recognized for donating 100 wreaths. This was the second year of WAA in the Coachella Valley, and in total, 700 wreaths were placed on the graves of Veterans, up from 500 in the prior year.



*From left to right: Ben Hobbins, Bill Haines, Gary Bruton, and Ed Oehler.
Photo by Noma*

Wreaths Across America - Orange County Chapter

Orange County Chapter member Charles Beal at the Santa Ana Cemetery.



The 146th CASSAR Board of Managers Meeting

November 4-7, 2021

The Mission Inn

3649 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside California 92507

Telephone 1-800-843-7755

www.missioninn.com

*AAA Four Diamond Hotel and Spa with four award winning restaurants
City, State, and National Historic Landmark rated best Historic Hotel in
America*

*Numerous things to do and see within walking distance,
including four museums and lots of shopping*

*Rooms from \$159.00 per night when you reference the
California Society Sons of the American Revolution*

Hosted by the Riverside Chapter SAR

Chapter President and Meeting Chairman: Roger Cooper

Email – crogercooper@gmail.com



This aerial view of the Mission Inn shows the entire complex which, by itself is worth a visit. It revivals many European historic sites. From its modest beginnings as a 12-room adobe boarding house to its current stature consisting of 239 guest rooms, the *Mission Inn Hotel* has been a major tourist attraction in Southern California since 1876. In the late 1800's wealthy easterners and Europeans flocked to Riverside in search of a warmer winter climate along with the desire to invest in the area's profitable citrus industry. In 1903 the 'Mission' wing was built in Mission-Revol style architecture and sought to incorporate different structural elements of the 21 California Missions. Over the years the hotel has played host to numerous celebrities and dignitaries. Ten U.S. Presidents stayed at the Mission Inn.



Around the California Society



Robert E. Burt Award Presentation



Vice-President General Jim Fosdyck presents the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award to Compatriot Lt. Col. Hans Hunt. The award was presented on behalf of the CASSAR and Eagle Scout Chairman Bill Nay.

Compatriot Hunt also received a Roger Sherman Medal oak leaf cluster for his continued service to the Orange County Chapter as their Flag Chairman. This award was presented on behalf of Orange County Chapter President Phil Mitchell.

Also in the photo is Hans' wife and DAR member Sabrina.

Photo by Un Hui Yi.



Kern Chapter

Kern Chapter had its first meeting in 6 months on September 12, 2020 at Hodels Restaurant in Bakersfield. Hodels has been our meeting place for a couple of year and has setup an outside eating area that will accommodate more than 50 people for our breakfast meetings. We had a very good turnout, with 4 new members being inducted into our chapter. The outside eating area is in the shade and the weather was perfect that morning. The program of the day was Captain Rick Mabie, of the Salvation Army talking about how they work with veterans, handle the homeless and about their rehab programs. A special presentation of a tin cans Revolutionary Drummer was given to Brian Claxton our Color Guard Commander and drummer. The other tin can soldier is of Arnie Burr, whose friend in Missouri made them. Kern Chapter had a second meeting October 10 with 4 more new members inducted into the Chapter. Two “Flag Certificates” were also given to members at that meeting.

Since the Kern Chapter Color Guard can no longer participate at schools to do their Revolutionary programs to 5th graders they are working with the Kern County Superintendent of schools to develop a DVD program. It still is in the development stages but when finished the program could go out to over 220 elementary schools in Kern County.



L-R: Mike Davis Chapter President, Bill Stovall Jr., Mayf Nutter, James Hay, Ralph Burkett

Orange County Chapter

Orange County Chapter presents NSSAR Service to Veterans Award to Charles Lewis Beal.

Charles has located and marked nearly 1,600 Veteran graves for all wars from the War of 1812 to Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, Charles has given presentations, attended official grave markings, patriotic observances, Flag placements, Veteran Funerals and ordered VA Grave markers.

The award was presented by Hammond Salley (OC Chapter Veterans Affairs Chairman) with OC Chapter President Phil Mitchell looking on.



Orange County Supplemental Presentation

CASSAR Youth Activities Chair Dan McKelvie receives a certificate for his 20th supplemental from Orange County Chapter President Phil Mitchel. The patriot is Mary Hailey.



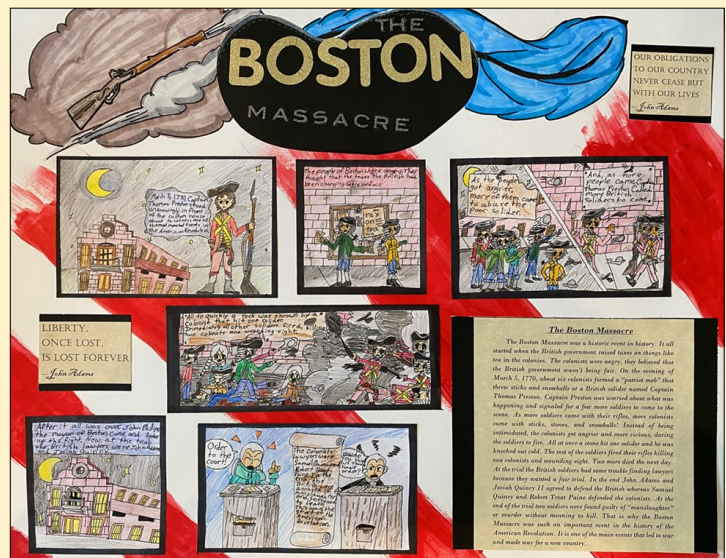
Massing of the Colors

Members of the Color Guard from the Riverside and San Diego Chapters at the Massing of the Colors held at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Bonita, CA on Oct 17th.
Benny White, Carolyn Campbell, Duncan Campbell and Jim Meader.



CASSAR Americanism Poster Contest Entry Wins 3rd Place at NSSAR

California SAR President Don Littlefield was privileged to present Sydney Wilson, Oak Chan Elementary School, Folsom, CA with the National Society SAR Americanism Poster Contest Third Place Certificate and prize money check of \$125.00. Sydney, now a Sixth Grade Student attending Junior High, was thrilled to return to her school to be recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution as were her parents and her Fifth Grade Teacher Hallie Wallace. The Americanism Poster Contest thrives in California!



NSSAR Gold Color Guard Medal

NSSAR Safety and Training Officer Mark Kramer presents a NSSAR Color Guard Gold Medal to former SAR Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck for his service as National Color Guard Commander in 2020.



Red Coats

By: Peter Darnall

Our forefathers knew them by many names—“Red Coats” (or Redcoats)—being among the least offensive. The term “Redcoats” referred to British Army enlisted personnel. The Redcoats had been the mainstay of colonial defense against foreign aggression in the French and Indian War.

Although the Treaty of Paris of 1763 ended hostilities and removed the threat of French harassment, a major part of the British garrison remained in the American colonies rather than returning to England. The soldiers were used as an enforcement tool of the Crown’s policies and were beyond the colonists’ control. Appeals to British authority to address blatant misconduct by the soldiers were largely ignored.

The Redcoats were a prime target of patriot vitriol. Thomas Jefferson would cite issues relating to the unwanted presence of British troops among twenty-seven grievances condemning the conduct of the King and the British government when he wrote the Declaration of Independence.

A bit of history . . .

The adoption of the eponymous red coat was among many sweeping reforms introduced by the New Model Army Ordinance passed by Parliament on February 17, 1645. Distinctively colored regimental coats were intended to increase visibility--and thus reduce casualties from friendly fire--in the dense smoke which obscured battlefields in this era of muskets and black powder. Red was chosen both for visibility and because the red dye obtained from the root of the madder plant was one of the cheapest to produce. Wool for the officer’s garments was often treated with more expensive cochineal dye, which produced a vibrant color.

There is a persistent myth associated with the red coats: when injured, blood from a soldier’s wound would not be visible on a coat of the same color. Not true . . . blood--or any other liquid--will appear as a dark stain on the garment.

Before the invention of sewing machines, garments were hand sewn. In the eighteenth century, materials for regimental coats would be cut to a standard pattern as specified by the ordering authority and delivered to a regiment’s tailor. The tailor would alter and assemble the pieces according to each soldier’s measurements, creating a finished garment which was custom fit for that individual. Although made of similar red cloth, British army regimental coats of the eighteenth century featured contrasting color facings (lapels, cuffs, and collars) with ornate trim which identified a soldier’s regiment.

The regimental coats in the photographs highlight the livery of the 33rd Regiment of Foot. This unit, also known as The Duke of Wellington’s Regiment, was one of the most prominent in the British Army of the eighteenth century. The 33rd Foot arrived on American soil in May 1776, landing at Cape Fear, North Carolina, and saw considerable action throughout the war. This unit earned its nickname “The Pattern” for the professionalism and discipline displayed in the Revolutionary War and became the standard by which other units were judged.

The high standards of the 33rd Regiment of Foot were the exception, as the colonists were to learn. Most of the men who wore the red coat of a professional soldier came from the lowest elements in English society. Although classified as volunteers, this description is misleading. Recruitment often depended on deceptive practices to entrap unsuspecting locals. Such skulduggery was common and practiced by all regiments.

The King’s Shilling was a bonus awarded by the Crown for enlisting and the term of enlistment was for life. Acceptance of the payment completed the transaction; the only sure release from this “voluntary” enlistment was death. Many a young man woke in unfamiliar military surroundings after a night at the local pub.



He would have an epic hangover, a shilling in his pocket, and the realization that he would spend the rest of his life in His Majesty's Service.

Morale and discipline were major problems for the British Army and penalties for infractions were severe. Petty theft, for example, could result in hanging. The "cat-o'- nine tails" was regularly unsheathed for minor infractions in public displays of flogging. The expression "bloody-backs," commonly heard in both England and the colonies, referred to the bare backs of the soldiers who had met this fate.

At the onset of hostilities, the British Army totaled about 48,000 men. This force was composed of approximately 39,000 infantry units, 7,000 cavalry units, and 2,500 artillery men. In addition to the red-coated Regulars, British forces included German mercenaries, Auxiliaries, Militia, West Indian Forces, local Volunteer Corps, and Provincial Units assembled from Loyalists and Canadians. Although relatively small by European standards, this assemblage was a semi-professional force, trained for conventional European warfare.

Once the protectors of the colonies, the Red Coats became a symbol of British opposition to the American's quest for independence and a formidable adversary in the Revolutionary War.



John Hess Bayonet Charge



Cyber Scams

If you receive an email from a purported Compatriot in need of help that is unsigned, with no personal contact information seeking contributions to any type of fundraising site; or an email addressing you by name from another member of your Chapter requesting the expenditure of funds or the purchase of gift cards consider it a hoax. These messages are getting more sophisticated and may even include the unauthorized use of the SAR logo and/or a pseudo SAR email address.

Did You Know?

The SAR Flag Certificate maybe awarded by a Chapter for the public display of the American flag by a non-governmental organization.

The Admiral Furlong Award is awarded by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution to each State Society that reports 51% of their Chapters have presented at least one Flag Certificate during the past year.

This year's reporting period ends April 15, 2021. Please report your Chapters participation to your CASSAR Vice-President (North/South).



Around the National Society



NSSAR Headquarters Project

Last year the Headquarters and Maintenance Committee reported that the front of Headquarters was in need of serious repair. The bottom sections were rotting and you could see through sections exposing the building to the outside. Half of the glass left was single pane and if broken would come down in sheets causing a serious safety issue. The entire front needed to be painted and the scroll work was rotting away.

With the riots in Louisville we found ourselves vulnerable to a break-in. All of our records and museum pieces were at risk of theft or damage along with our staff in an unsafe environment.

The Committee worked with all the stake holders to put together the final plan making sure that it satisfied our future plans. Like coating the windows with ultraviolet material to keep the temperature down, protecting the Library, and that the door to the Museum was correctly sized. The group also made sure that the Historical Society of Louisville approved the changes allowing the building to remain a Historical site.

The plan was put out to bid and with approval by EXCOM the Committee then brought it to the Trustees where it was overwhelmingly approved in August.

The big change is with the windows, which is security glass-bulletproof and nearly unbreakable, the framing makes them strong enough that only a vehicle can break through. Same with the new doors. The scroll work will be replaced with a plastic material and will not rot and will match the look we have now. The entire front along with the Cast Iron will be repainted.



NECROLOGY

Farewell Beloved
Compatriots

We, the Descendants of the Heroes
of the American Revolution,
SALUTE

A Life Well Lived, in honor of the memory of
our patriot forefathers, by preserving their vision
of the American Dream, for future generations.

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken at
the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the
dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto
the God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7

Name	Middle	Last	Chapter	NASSAR#	Date
Lynn	Mansell	Louden	Coachella Valley	151099	15 Nov 2019
James	Edward	Hansen	Kern County	197884	25 Aug 2020
William	Baxter	Pendleton III	Kern County	177021	17 Nov 2020
George	William	Kridner	Orange County	194741	18 Sep 2020
James	Freeman	Blauer	Orange County	118472	03 Oct 2020
Rex	Byron	Shannon	Orange County	153959	01 Nov 2020
Alan	Brown	Brooking	Sacramento	183335	01 Dec 2020
Edward	Robert	Torrence	San Diego	200781	16 Oct 2020
Dale	Keith	Rudge	Sons of Liberty	155214	06 Dec 2020
Edgar	Dean	Fulwider	Thomas Jefferson	143969	12 Dec 2020

*LACASSAR - January 2021
News and 2021 Dues Notice*

Happy New Year. The men will be holding a virtual Spring Meeting, so we will hold a virtual meeting on April 16. We will keep everyone posted once we know the time.

Thank you's are in order to Karen and Lou Carlson for an amazing fundraiser. We raised over \$1800.00. Thank you to T. Cox, K. Jarrard, L. Ferris, K. Richards, A. Adams, M. Chilton, M. Hinshaw, K. McKelvie, S. Brooking, I. Johnson, A. Taylor, E. Lawson, A. Terry, J. Brown, L. Klingler, M. Littlefield, D. Littlefield, B. Van Valkenburg, E. Vencill, C. Ross, D. Taylor, D Stephens, J. Shaw, L. Knappenberger, K. Faulkinbury, N. Alter, J. Kramer.
Picture these wonderful Donors....

Please remember you can still donate. See Renewal form on back of the newsletter.

Our bylaws state that we have our elections at the Spring (Annual) meeting. I have chosen the nominating committee – Past Presidents Karen Carlson (kcarlsonotr@sbcglobal.net) and Coreena Ross (coreenaross@gmail.com). Please contact these ladies if you are interested in being on our board. Although the bylaws require three members on the nominating committee, only two have volunteered. Any interest in being on the Nominating Committee, please contact Janet Brown. Remember if your Spouse is on the Men's board, you can assist by being involved with the Ladies group by taking a Board position.

A Message from the President: After serving this position for three years, I am saying THANK YOU to all of the wonderful ladies I have worked with on all of the projects we have had. It has been stressful at times, but it has been fun. Please continue to support our Organization, so we can support the CASSAR.

Thank you to our 2020 Board:

President - Janet Brown – borczonbrown@yahoo.com

1st Vice President – Diane Stephens

2nd Vice President – Karen Carlson

Secretary – JoAnn Kramer

Treasurer – Karen Dodd, Esq.

Registrar – Liz Ferris

Chaplain – Coreena Ross

Historian – Mary Ann Littlefield

Please note: If you have not paid dues since 2018, this will be your last newsletter. Please make checks payable to LACASSAR.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

CASSAR Member Chapter _____

Dues 2021 \$25.00

Donation \$ _____

Please send to Liz Ferris, 5 Libra Ct., Coto De Caza, CA 92679-5113.

The California Compatriot

*The Official Newsletter of the
California Society, SAR*



Please report changes of address to:

Fred Schuster, Secretary, California Society, SAR,

1044 West Notre Dame St.

Upland, CA. 91786-2671

The California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Preserving America's Precious Heritage since 1876!